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Press Release
Police Department

“Click or Ticket” Seatbelt Mobilization Announcement

The Torrance Police Department along with more than 175 local law enforcement agencies statewide and the CHP will be participating in this year's *Click It or Ticket* mobilization, taking place November 17, 2009 through November 30, 2009.

Currently California has a seat belt usage rate of 95.4 percent, but that still means over 1.5 million people in the state are not buckling up. Properly restrained drivers, passengers and children have a 50 percent better chance of surviving a crash than unbelted occupants. Those ejected from vehicles in crashes or roll-overs are up to 35 times more likely to die than restrained occupants.

The Torrance Police Department will be observing a zero tolerance towards those who do not use child restraints, buckle up or buckle up improperly while driving. The public should be aware that officers will be actively issuing citations for seat belt and car seat violations.

The goal is to educate the public and gain compliance in an effort to reduce injuries and save lives. Funding to support California's *Click It or Ticket* campaign was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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